



County Board Finance & Audit Committee

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COUNTY BOARD BUDGET BLAST FOR OCTOBER 26, 2009

Milwaukee, WI – The Milwaukee County Board's Finance & Audit Committee, under the leadership of Supervisor Elizabeth M. Coggs, is holding public meetings throughout the month of October on the County Executive's 2010 Recommended County Budget. [Click here to review the budget proposal](#). Each day, the seven-member Committee votes on a number of specific departments and items in the budget.



OPERATING BUDGETS

On Monday, October 26, the **Milwaukee County Board's Finance & Audit Committee** voted to **approve** these budgets on the following votes:

- 7-0 (as amended below) 9000 Parks, Recreation and Culture (Laid over on 10/6/09)
 - 7-0 to approve an amendment denying the transfer of skilled trades staff, revenue, material and equipment from the Parks Department to the DTPW-Facilities Management Division.
 - 7-0 to approve an amendment denying the abolishment of 39.12 FTE Park Maintenance Workers positions, and instead fund 20 of the positions, while the remaining positions will remain unfunded unless/until the State of Wisconsin authorizes an additional 0.5% sales and use tax for park purposes.

- 7-0 to approve an amendment to transition the Farm & Fish Hatchery program from the Sheriff's budget to the Parks Department, and delete references to the closure of the Farm and Fish Hatchery program, with no impact on the tax levy.
- 7-0 to approve an amendment to deny closing the Martin Luther King, Jr. and Kosciuszko Park Community Centers, restore community center and park maintenance worker positions, and review membership and rental fees for both centers.
- 5-1 (No: Johnson) (as amended below) 6300 DHS – Behavioral Health Division (Laid over on 10/8/09)
 - 7-0 to approve an amendment to restore funding for one Sewing Machine Operator at the Behavioral Health Division
 - 6-1 (No: Mayo) to approve an amendment providing funding for Community AODA contracts at the 2009 level.
 - 6-0 to approve two amendments relating to the Targeted Case Management program.
 - 6-0 to approve an amendment reviewing the effectiveness of the privatization of Behavioral Health Division dietary food services.
- 7-0 (as amended below) 8000 Department of Health and Human Services (DHS) (Laid over on 10/8/09)
 - 6-1 (No: Schmitt) to approve an amendment to restore funding for the Sports Authority Board
 - 7-0 to approve an amendment restoring funding for the Interim Disability Assistance Program (IDAP) loan program.
 - 7-0 to approve an amendment to remove the realignment of the Intake and Probation staff to support custody intake functions.
 - 7-0 to approve an amendment anticipating that the State will permanently located Income Maintenance and Child Care functions in the Coggs Center.
 - 5-2 (No: Schmitt, Jursik) to approve an amendment removing the outsourcing proposed for housekeeping functions at the Detention Center and Behavioral Health Division.
- 6-0 (as amended below) 1031 County Executive – Office of Business Development (Laid over on 10/7/09)
 - 6-0 to approve an amendment deleting the proposed CEX-Office of Business Development, and instead creating a new position of Economic Development Director, to be developed in cooperation with the County Executive and the County Board's Economic and Community Development Committee.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGETS

The Committee voted to **approve** the following amendments to the Capital Improvement Budget on the following votes:

- 7-0 to add a new capital project to rewire existing light poles along the Sheridan Park parkway and walkways
- 4-3 (No: Coggs, Thomas, Schmitt) to install new basketball courts at the most heavily used courts with the Parks (to be paid for with Community Development Block Grant funds)
- 6-1 (No: West) WP173 Hoyt Park Aquatic Center (Laid over on 10/13/09)
- 7-0 WP174 Major Maintenance (Laid over on 10/13/09)
- 5-2 (No: Schmitt, Jursik) WP175 Holler Park Splash Pad (Laid over on 10/13/09)
- 5-2 (No: Schmitt, Jursik) WP176 Jackson Park Splash Pad (Laid over on 10/13/09)
- 5-2 (No: Schmitt, Jursik) WP177 Kosciuszko Splash Pad (Laid over on 10/13/09)
- 7-0 WO061 Root River Parkway Drive – 76th to Grange (Laid over on 10/14/09)
- 7-0 WO069 Underwood Parkway – Schlinger Ave to Fairview Ave (Laid over on 10/14/09)
- 6-0 WE033 Behavioral Health Facility (Laid over on 10/14/09)
 - 6-0 to approve an amendment to remove Zimmerman Architectural Studios, Inc. as a sole source professional services consultant, and instead issue a Request for Proposals to secure a design firm.

The Committee will continue its meetings throughout the month of October in Room 203-R of the Milwaukee County Courthouse. The next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28th.

[Click here to access the 2010 budget meeting schedule](#) (to view upcoming items for consideration)

[Click here to listen to live audio during the meetings](#) (available only while meetings are in progress)

The County Board's annual Public Hearing on the County Executive's 2010 Recommended Budget is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, November 2, 2009, at the Washington Park Senior Center.

The County Board of Supervisors, under the leadership of Chairman Lee Holloway, will adopt the County's 2010 Budget on Monday, November 9 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 200 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.